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Master plan: Meet held

It was suggestions galore at the conference of Corporation councillors held here on Monday to discuss the draft master plan for 2031. In Chenkottukonam area, where major developments are proposed, Kattaikonam councillor G Vinod suggested alternative measures to avoid eviction.

“Ample space is available on the Kerala University’s Kariavattom campus and Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) premises. On the campus, excluding the area allocated for the international stadium, there is enough space. For the proposed High Court complex, the KINFRA park can be suggested. Then, the need for eviction will not come up,” said Vinod. He also said that there was no proposal for the development of Sreekariyam, and in finding a new source for potable water in the newly-formed wards.

BJP leader in the council P Asok Kumar stressed the need for implementing an urban development plan instead of going in for a master plan. “When in the state capitals in the country, metro plans and urban development plans have been implemented, we are still lagging behind with the master plan.

The draft master plan is devised based on satellite pictures and a socio-economic survey has not been undertaken,” said Asok Kumar.

Malayalam version

The work order for preparing the Malayalam version of the draft master plan is to be entrusted with a retired planning officer, according to the Town Planning Department. “A committee will be formed for bringing out the Malayalam version of the plan. In two-months’ time, this will be done,” said S Ajaya Kumar, Regional Town Planner.